

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-19 (Canceled).

20. (Previously Presented) An email server for performing automatic capture archiving of electronic documents in a network environment, at least one client computer in the network environment being coupled over a network to at least one document management workstation having at least one database disposed to receive electronic copies of documents transferred over the network, the at least one document management workstation being in communication with at least one of a copy, print, and facsimile operation, said email server being operatively disposed to:

receive a copy of every email document transferred over the network from the at least one client computer, each email document being transferred over the network in response to a single user input command;

cause electronic image data to be generated for each received copy of an email document, the electronic image data being generated in a format acceptable for storage in the at least one database for the at least one document management workstation; and

cause the generated electronic image data to be stored in the at least one database to perform capture archiving of the email document,

wherein the at least one database further comprises image data from capture archiving of electronic document images from the at least one of a copy, print, and facsimile operation,

wherein the aforementioned steps are carried out transparent to the user and without further input from the user notwithstanding the single user input command,

wherein the aforementioned steps are carried out at substantially a time that the email document is transferred over the network.

21. (Previously Presented) The email server of claim 20, wherein the at least one of the copy, print, and facsimile operation comprises at least one of a copier operation, printer operation, and facsimile machine operation that archived image data for at least one of the copier operation, printer operation, and facsimile machine operation.

22. (Previously Presented) A method for automatically and transparently archiving electronic documents in a network environment, at least one client computer in the network environment being coupled over a network to at least one document management workstation having at least one database disposed to receive electronic copies of documents transferred over the network, the at least one document management workstation being in communication with at least one of a copier operation, a printer operation, and a facsimile machine operation, the method comprising:

receiving a copy of every email document transferred over the network from the at least one client computer, each email document being transferred over the network in response to a single user input command;

generating electronic image data for each received copy of an email document, the electronic image data being generated in a format acceptable for storage in the at least one database for the at least one document management workstation; and

causing the generated electronic image data of every received email document to be stored in the at least one database to perform image capture archiving of the email document,

wherein the aforementioned steps are performed transparent to the user and without further input from the user notwithstanding the single user input command,

wherein the at least one database is further configured to store image data that was archived from the at least one of a copier operation, a printer operation, and a facsimile machine operation, and

wherein the aforementioned steps are carried out at substantially a time that the email document is transferred over the network.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein causing the collected image data of every email to be stored comprises storing at least one of an origin address and destination address for an email.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein causing the collected image data of every email to be stored comprises storing at least one of a date of transmission and time of transmission for an email.

25. (Currently Amended) An email server for performing automatic capture archiving of electronic documents in a network environment, said email server operatively disposed to:

generate a copy of each email document transmitted over the network environment, the email document being transmitted in response to a single user input command configured to transmit the email document to a destination; and

forward each copy to a document management device, the forwarding of each copy causing the document management device to generate electronic image data for each copy of an email document, the electronic image data being generated in a compressed image format ~~acceptable for storage in at least one database for the document management device~~, the forwarding of each copy further causing the generated electronic image data to be stored in the at least one database to perform the capture archiving, the capture archiving being performed without further input from the user notwithstanding the single user input command for transmitting the email document to a destination, the storing of said image data in the at least one database being separate from the transmission of the email document to the destination and transparent to the user, the capture archiving for each email document occurring at substantially a time that the email document is transferred over the network.

26. (Previously Presented) The email server of claim 25, wherein the destination comprises a destination client system.

27. (Previously Presented) The email server of claim 25, wherein the email document comprises an email document that was at least one of received and sent.

28. (Previously Presented) The email server of claim 25, wherein at least one database is configured to store image data that was archived from at least one of a copier operation, a printer operation, and a facsimile machine operation.

29. (Previously Presented) A method for providing automatic and transparent archiving of electronic documents in a network environment, the method comprising:

generating a copy of each an email document transmitted over the network environment, the email document being transmitted in response to a single user input configured to transmit the email document to a destination; and

forwarding each copy to a document management device, the forwarding of each copy causing the document management device to generate electronic image data for each copy of an email document, the electronic image data being generated in a format acceptable for storage in at least one database for the document management device, the forwarding of each copy further causing the generated electronic image data of the email document to be stored in at least one database to perform the capture archiving, the capture archiving being performed transparent to the user and without further input from the user notwithstanding the single user input command for transmitting the email document to a destination, the capture archiving for each email document occurring at substantially a time that the email document is transferred over the network.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the destination comprises a destination client system.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the email document comprises an email document that was at least one of received and sent.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein at least one database is configured to store image data that was archived from at least one of a copier operation, a printer operation, and a facsimile machine operation.

33. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein the image data is generated from a hardcopy.

34. (New) The method of claim 33, wherein the hardcopy is a paper printout.

35. (New) The method of claim 34, wherein the copier operation comprises a copy machine, the printer operation comprises a printer and the facsimile machine operation comprises a scanner, and wherein the copy machine, the printer and the scanner are configured to generate electronic image data based on the paper printout.

36. (New) An automatic archiving system comprising:  
a plurality of client computers;  
one or more servers  
one or more output devices;  
one or more input devices; and  
one or more networks interconnecting the plurality of client computers, the one or more servers, the one or more output devices and the one or more input devices, wherein the one or more servers are configured to archive automatically an electronic image of each document produced by the one or more output devices or the plurality of client computers, or imaged by the one or more input devices, at substantially the same time the documents are produced or imaged.

37. (New) The automatic archiving system of claim 37 wherein the documents are a mixture of hardcopy documents and electronic documents.

38. (New) The email server of claim 21, wherein the image data is generated from hardcopy documents and electronic documents.